

AUSTRIANS PUSH SOUTH IN ITALY; 24,400 CAPTIVES

Further Advances on Three Sectors of Tyrol Front Are Announced.

ITALIANS READY FOR COUNTER OFFENSIVE

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, May 25.—Continued advances were made by the Austrians in three sectors yesterday in the drive toward the Vicenza plain in northeastern Italy.

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During the evacuation of places in our territory a portion of the Italian population left the territory which they will be taken to account for.

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VERDUN FIGHTING HEAVY; ARTILLERY FIRE TERRIFIC

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The advantage of a certain command of French lateral communications, but the French artillery commands the village so thoroughly that it is doubtful whether the Germans will be able to take much advantage of its occupation.

The situation on the western front is summarized by one correspondent as follows:

The crest and the gradual western slope of Hill 304 are still in French hands, as is a redoubt on the crossroads southwest of Hill 287, about half way between Hill 304 and the Bois d'Avocourt.

Meanwhile, the Germans are attacking the height just to the south of Le Mort Homme, Hill 285, which is a further continuation of the same ridge.

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WILSON SAYS PEACE TALK IS PREMATURE

President Tells Callers Offer of Mediation Would Not Be Acceptable.

RESOLUTION IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, May 25.—President Wilson explained to callers to-day that he did not believe an offer to mediate in the European war would be opportune at the present moment.

The President explained, an offer of mediation must come at a time when it is likely to be favorably considered by all the belligerents.

That time, the President believes, has not yet arrived. It is said that the President may develop this idea in his address before the League to Enforce Peace, which meets here to-morrow.

Although the President's attitude on the subject has been known to persons in his counsel the direct statement coming from the President himself has added further emphasis to the hopelessness of persuading the belligerents to enter peace parties.

All the information from the Entente now indicates that Germany's peace suggestions will not be accepted.

Sir Edward Grey's declaration in Parliament that "peace talk is idle" is regarded in official circles as part of the Entente's campaign against the German peace propaganda in the United States.

Wants Wilson's Backing. President Wilson is, of course, willing to mediate any peace proposal which Germany cares to make to the Entente, but he is not willing to endorse the German proposal to the extent of recommending its acceptance or even consider it.

The Imperial Government desires first to have the backing of President Wilson for peace proposals.

The German peace proposals are in the opinion of the Entente, and it is considered it would be an indirect intrusion of internal politics into the international domain.

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Will Confer With Nationalist and Ulster Leaders in Effort to Reach Immediate Agreement on Home Rule Difficulty.

INQUIRY IN DUBLIN.

Police Chief Tells of Origin of Sinn Fein Movement.

BERLIN, via London, May 25.—The Royal Commission appointed to investigate the Irish rebellion transferred its sittings to Dublin to-day.

Col. Sir Neville Chamberlain, inspector-general of the Royal Irish Constabulary, testified regarding the history of the Sinn Fein movement and the methods adopted by the police in obtaining information concerning it.

Martial Law Near End. "Discussion," he said, "cannot be effective or even fruitful before the conclusion of the inquiries now proceeding."

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Increase in Number of Vessels Sunk Indicates Centre of Activity.

THE WASHINGTON LOST

London, May 25.—Lloyd's reported today that the British steamship Washington, of 5,000 tons, has been sunk by a submarine.

From the increased number of reports of vessels sunk in the Mediterranean it is evident that it is in this sea that the undersea boats are most numerous and active.

Attacks on U Boats. British Trawler and Steamship Said to Have Fired When Halted.

BERLIN, via London, May 25.—The Overseas News Agency quotes the Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant as reporting the attempted destruction of a German submarine off the Irish coast by a British trawler flying a Swedish flag.

The affair was witnessed by the Dutch steamship Sewardia, which was signalled to stop by the submarine. When the submarine signalled the trawler, flying the Swedish flag, and then fired a shot across her bow, the trawler replied with cannon shot.

Another attempt on the same submarine is also cited by the news agency. A steamship of about 2,000 tons which did not fly a flag, was signalled to halt, but did not do so despite a shot from the submarine.

BRITISH SEIZE DUTCH SHIPS. Three Are Taken Into Kirkwall for Examination.

LONDON, May 25.—The following Dutch steamships have been taken into Kirkwall by the British authorities for examination:

The Winterswijk, from Bilthoven, May 5, for Rotterdam, with a cargo of wheat, the Willem van Driel, Rotterdam, May 19, for Baltimore in ballast and the Metruke, from Rotterdam for New York, in ballast.

The Danish steamship United States, from New York, May 11, for Copenhagen, has been released after an examination.

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